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Minutes 10/07/2013

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2013
 7:15 p.m

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro
 Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Proclamation: Annual International Day of the Girl
 Carolyn Anderson, Julia Harris, Emma Stewart
 Students of AHS Class of 2015

Mr. Dunn read Proclamation. Emma Stewart, Julia Harris and Carolyn Anderson thanked the Board of Selectmen for recognizing October 11th as the Annual International Day of the Girl. Emma stated that with this proclamation they hope to raise awareness about girls in other places who aren't as fortunate.
 Mr. Curro thanked the girls for bringing this to the Board's attention.

2. Proclamation: Saint Agnes School 125th Anniversary
 Steven M. Byrne, Selectman

Mr. Byrne read Proclamation in honor of Saint Agnes School 125th Anniversary. As a former student Mr. Byrne stated that St. Agnes School played a major role in his early education.

FOR APPROVAL

3. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 GW Equipment Co. Inc., 15 Powers Road, Sudbury, MA
 - b. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 Metro Paving, 165 Montrose Avenue, Wakefield, MA
 - c. Appointment: New Election Workers
 Joanne Delyani, 40 Hathaway Circle, D, Pct. 1
 Patricia Hagan, 9 Carl Road, D, Pct. 15
 Linda Hetherman, 167 Washington Street, U, Pct. 1
 Margaret Mannion, 35 Greeley Circle, D, Pct. 13
 Ruth McAllister, 59 Hawthorne Avenue, U, Pct. 12
 - d. Request: Free Parking 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21 for Holiday Shopping
 Request: Town's Support of First Lights
 Jennifer Tripp, Executive Director, Arlington Chamber of Commerce
 - e. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 10/22 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall
 Auditorium for 'Taste of Arlington' Fundraiser
 Jennifer Tripp, David Swanson, Randy Buck
 Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointments: Cyrus Dallin Art Museum, Board of Trustees
Ellen Aamodt
Tracy Skahan
(terms to expire 10/16)
Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

Chuck Pappas, owner of Swifty Printing, 1386 Mass. Ave. appeared before the Board regarding the following problems in the Heights area:

1. The bus stop was increased in length - the bus stop by Capri Pizza extends across five store fronts. The businesses would like the stop returned to its original size.
2. The businesses were concerned the other bus stop would also be extended and wanted it checked before the lines were painted.
3. The businesses were concerned the metal plates covering the cable "pulls" were slippery because they are just bare metal and would like to have them painted with a anti-slip paint.
4. There were some concerns about the paving. It wasn't done correctly in some places. The edges were not properly "rolled". Also some of the water shut off plates were paved over. He showed pictures to the Board of the defects.
Mr. Pappas felt the Town should make a note of it so if the pavement does fail the gas company will be responsible to come back and fix it.
5. There also is a concern of the placement of the trash compactor by the MBTA. It was placed on the shady side of the street and under a tree.
The Board asked the Town Manager to have the Public Works Department and Ted Fields stop by his business and discuss these issues and come up with some solutions.

Gordon Jamieson, 163 Scituate Street, presented the Board with a chart regarding the Annual Arlington Solid Waste Incineration Tonnage.

He also asked that the Board of Selectmen if they would issue a proclamation regarding Community Collection Day at their meeting on November 4th. Community Collection Day will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., DPW Yard, 51 Grove Street.

Mark Kaepplein, 11 Palmer Street, spoke regarding the proposed bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Dunn suggested that he share his thoughts with the Department of Public Works.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. For Approval: Master Plan Committee, Selectman Liaison
Steven M. Byrne, Selectman
Mr. Byrne made a motion to have Mr. Curro fill his position as the liaison for the Board of Selectmen to the Master Planning Committee. Mr. Byrne resigned due to the fact he no longer could attend meetings. He has returned to school working on a Masters Degree.
Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Presentation: Arlington Visual Budget
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager
Michael Bouton, Management Analyst

Mr. Bouton presented the new online tool called Arlington Visual Budget to the Board of Selectmen. The

system converts the Town's revenues and expenditures to simple graphics and charts that describe Arlington's finances. It also provides definitions for complex budgeting terminology and includes a tool where residents can input their yearly property tax bill and find out exactly how the town spends their tax dollars. Town Manager Chapdelaine stated one of his department's biggest challenges is informing citizens about the budget and where the money goes. Mr. Chapdelaine stated increasing transparency and accessibility to financial information has long been a goal for the Town.

The Board thanked Annie LaCourt, Allan Jones and Andrew Flanagan for providing this tool and asked that the Committee be invited to a future meeting.

Mr. Curro and the Board thanked everyone who worked on this project. Mr. Curro stated it is an extraordinary view of our budgets.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Approval: Issuance of RFP for Lease of Space at Parmenter School

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Michael Bouton, Management Analyst

The Board recommended that the Parmenter School RFP Lease be updated to include recommendations to lease the Parmenter School for five (5) years with an optional five (5) year least extension. Also, prior to exercising the lease extension, the Town and tenants will negotiate a new Capital Contribution.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Approval: Lease Agreement with John's Son LLC re: Parking Spaces in Arlington Center

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Michael Rademacher, Director of Public Works

Laura Wiener, Senior Planner

The Arlington Center Safe Travel Project is a state and federally funded project designed to improve both safety and mobility through the intersection of Mass. Ave., Mystic Street and Pleasant Street, and connect the gap in the Minuteman Bikeway between Mystic Street and Swan Place with on-street bike lanes. On April 23, 2013, Mass. DOT held a public hearing in the Town Hall to get comments on the plan. At that public hearing, the single most frequent comment from the public was requesting removal of the parking in front of Cambridge Savings Bank, on the south side of Mass. Avenue between Pleasant Street and Swan Place. Adding bike lanes while retaining the parking necessitated narrowing the travel lanes and the median. Mass Dot agreed with the comments and requested that the Town investigate removing the parking.

Since that time, the Town has been negotiating with Paul Campbell, owner of 590-600 Mass. Avenue. Mr. Campbell has agreed to lease an area of his parking lot to the Town

to create seven (7) new parking spaces. In return, the Town would repave his lot for a value up to \$10,000, make improvements to the small park at the corner of Swan Place and Mass. Avenue and pay him \$1000 a year. The term of the lease is 10 years, with an option to renew. This arrangement will allow a full replacement of the parking spaces lost by removing the parking on Mass. Avenue.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he thinks it's a pretty creative approach to utilizing the existing space and maintaining parking while still retaining the benefits of the bikeway connection project.

Mrs. Mahon stated that business owners in the heights might ask why parking spaces eliminated on their end of Massachusetts Avenue (D'Agostino's Delicatessen to Capri Pizza) hadn't been replaced elsewhere.

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Chapdelaine whether Cambridge Savings Bank would contribute to the project since they would feel the greatest impact by losing the spaces.

Mr. Byrne thanked Mr. Chapdelaine, Mike Rademacher and Laura Wiener for their creative solutions.

Mr. Dunn stated he is very comfortable with the idea.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of report and supports said project.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mr. Greeley stated that he will be Chairing the Nagaokakyo Sister City Association's 30th anniversary in April, 2014.

Sue Sheffler and Marie Krepelka will be assisting him. Mr. Greeley will keep the Board informed as the plans progress.

Mr. Curro attended the Mass. Municipal Association Fall Conference for Selectmen on Saturday, October 5th.

Charles Foskett, Arlington Finance Committee Vice Chair spoke about Strategies for Managing Town Infrastructure and Assets. Mr. Curro stated that Mr. Foskett gave a wonderful presentation of our budget process.

Mrs. Mahon stated the Arlington High School Cheerleaders were hosting the Middlesex League Qualifying Competition on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Red Gym.

Mr. Curro stated that several businesses in Arlington Center have spoke to him to consider "Valet Parking" in the Russell Common Parking Lot. Mr. Curro suggested that the Parking Committee consider this suggestion.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next scheduled meeting of BoS October 28, 2013.

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